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REFS: A. MACV SE 1078-32 DTG 191325Z MAR 71

B. JCS SE 6750 DTG 200315Z MAR 71

1. I MET WITH GENERAL VIEN AT 1600 HOURS, 20 MARCH (LOCAL) TO LEARN THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT THIEU, GENERAL LAM, GENERAL MINH, AND GENERAL VIEN.

2. PRESIDENT THIEU'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE:

A. THE WITHDRAWAL MUST BE CAREFULLY AND DELIBERATELY EXECUTED WITH GOOD COORDINATION AND SUPPORT.

B. KHE SANH WILL BE HELD FOR THE TIME BEING.

C. BEFORE THE WITHDRAWAL IS COMPLETE, A TWO-BATTALION RAID

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LL BE LAUNCHED AGAINST MUONG NONG.

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D. IF THE RAID AGAINST MUONG NONG IS SUCCESSFUL, A TARGET ALONG ROUTE 922 IN BA 611 WILL BE SELECTED FOR A SIMILAR RAID.

, PRESIDENT THIEU DIRECTED GENERAL MINH TO RELIEVE COLONEL MINH, THE UNSATISFACTORY TASK FORCE COMMANDER IN THE 5TH DIV, AND TO RECOMMEND A REPLACEMENT FOR GENERAL HIEU, 5TH ARVN DIVISION COMMANDER,

, IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF B, I PLAN TO BRIEF THE PRESS HERE AT 1830 HOURS, 21 MARCH (LOCAL), TRANSCRIPT WILL BE FORWARDED ON CONCLUSION OF THE BRIEFING. GP-1.

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